

MCE Manufactures Emergency Tote Bags in Honor of National Crime Victims Rights' Week

As part of its volunteer initiatives, MCE recently worked with the Lifer's Conference to produce 150 emergency tote bags for the House of Ruth. These tote bags, created from spare fabric from MCE's Upholstery Plant at Maryland Correctional Institution in Hagerstown, were filled with toiletries, cosmetics, washcloths, towels and other donated items from inmates and DPSCS staff. The bags will be donated to the House of Ruth in honor of National Crime Victims Rights' Week, occurring on April 6-12.



All 150 tote bags were produced by MCE's inmate workforce. Many of the inmate employees enjoy volunteering with the Lifer's Conference. Community outreach and stewardship helps support the MCE mission of teaching strong work ethics, increased responsibility and self-esteem. By giving back to the community and serving others, inmates develop a sense of atonement, pride and self-worth.

This is one of several volunteer programs that MCE has participated in. It has also cooked and deboned turkeys for the Bea Gaddy Thanksgiving meal, donated food and apparel to the Special Olympics, participated in tree planting programs, donated laundry services for breast cancer awareness events, donated benches for a "Garden of Remembrance" to honor those who suffered the consequences of criminal violence and built and donated dog kennels for organizations that train and place service dogs with veterans across the United States.

MCE is committed to creating positive social change through community outreach and stewardship. Volunteering reinforces the moral values MCE aims to instill in its inmate employees. Manufacturing emergency tote backs for the House of Ruth provides a great service to the local community. MCE looks forward to volunteering its time and resources in the future.